

I. AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 CFR §1.312

A. Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] Fig. 1 shows a snow board 10 which has been modified for practicing the present invention. Board 10 has a top side 11 to which are attached supporting bindings 12, and an underside 16 to which is attached a piece 13 of low-friction, durable stick-on sheeting. Sheeting piece 13 includes an adhesive layer 15 which can be provided with a removable backing (not shown) which is peeled from layer 15 prior to use. Preferably the adhesive is selected so that sheeting piece 13 is easily removable from underside 16. Alternatively, the adhesive is such that piece 13 is permanently adhered to underside 16. Sheeting piece 13 further includes a low-friction, durable layer 14 opposed to layer 15. Preferably, layer 14 consists essentially of nylon, DACRON™, TEXLON™, sailcloth or a polyester resin. Sheeting piece 13 can be cut to size and shape to fit over the entire underside 16 of board 10. Alternatively, several smaller pieces of sheeting can be selectively placed to create areas of relatively low- and high-friction enabling a skillful user to control the board's sliding characteristics while traversing the low-friction, durable surface of a support structure such as shown in Figs. 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] Referring to Fig. 3, a support structure 36, here a hillside, is covered with area sheeting 37 having a surface 35 composed of a low-friction, durable material. Surface 35 preferably consists essentially of nylon, DACRON™, TEXLON™, sailcloth or a polyester resin. The area sheeting 37 can be applied in sheets rolled out onto the support structure. In Fig. 3, the area sheeting 37 is simply applied to an existing sloping hillside converting the hillside into a low-friction sliding area. Area sheeting can be virtually any length and width, and various lengths can be laid end-to-end and side-to-side as shown in my '483 patent. Moreover, area sheeting according to the invention can be laid over any support structure whatsoever including custom

made ramps, frames and horizontal surfaces, both indoors and outdoors. As shown in the '483 patent, frames, pillow-like cushions and other expedients can be placed beneath and in conjunction with area sheeting to create bumps, moguls, dips and protrusions increasing the degree of difficulty in traversing the area sheeting.